

Pending proceedings.

"(f) No suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against any of the officers or offices referred to in subsection (e) of this section in his or its official capacity or in relation to the discharge of his or its official duties, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this section, but the court or agency before which such suit, action, or proceeding is pending, may (on motion or supplemental petition filed at any time within twelve months after the date this section takes effect showing a necessity for the survival of such suit, action, or proceeding to obtain a settlement of the questions involved) allow the same to be maintained by or against the Bituminous Coal Consumers' Counsel."

Approved, April 11, 1941.

#### [CHAPTER 69]

#### AN ACT

To relieve disbursing officers, certifying officers, and payees in respect of certain payments made in contravention of appropriation restrictions regarding citizenship status.

April 11, 1941  
[S. 433]  
[Public Law 35]

Relief of disbursing officers, etc., for payments to noncitizens.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding provisions contained in the several Appropriation Acts for the fiscal years 1939, 1940, and 1941 prohibiting the payment of compensation therefrom to officers or employees who are not citizens of the United States, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of disbursing officers' accounts, and relieve certifying officers of liability, for such payments for services rendered by noncitizen officers and employees as are otherwise correct and legal, as are made in good faith, and as are found not to be due to any lack of good faith on the part of the payee: *Provided*, That this Act shall only affect such payments as were made prior to January 1, 1941.

Proviso.

Refunds.

SEC. 2. If credit is allowed in disbursing officers' accounts in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the officer or employee, or former officer or employee receiving the payment shall not be required to refund the amount thereof; and any such amount which has been collected from an officer or employee, or former officer or employee, may be refunded to him.

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#### [CHAPTER 70]

#### AN ACT

For the relief of certain disbursing officers of the Army of the United States and for the settlement of individual claims approved by the War Department.

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[Public Law 36]

Army.  
Credit in accounts of designated disbursing officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of the following disbursing officers of the Army of the United States the amounts set opposite their names: Captain Arthur G. Alexander, Finance Reserve, \$100; Lieutenant Colonel Stephen R. Beard, Finance Department, \$585.68; Major Roy J. Caperton, Finance Department, \$307.60; Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Chambliss, Infantry, \$29.80; Lieutenant Colonel Samuel F. Cohen, Infantry, \$39.05; Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Comegys, Finance Department, \$162.55; Lieutenant Colonel Walter D. Dabney, Finance Department, \$956.51; Lieutenant Colonel William M. Dixon, Finance Department, \$87.81; Major Charles G.